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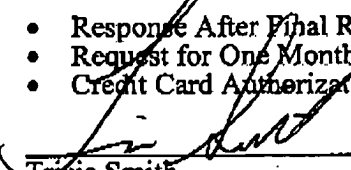
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RE: US Patent Application 10/070,712
STEP FOR ESCALATOR (Tsukahara et al.)
Our File: OT-4607

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

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- Response After Final Rejection (4 pages)
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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of : Docket No.: DT-4607
Y. Tsukahara et al. : Date: November 12, 2004
Appln. No.: 10/070,712 : Group Art Unit: 3651
Filing Date: March 5, 2002 : Examiner: Gene O. Crawford
Title: STEP FOR ESCALATOR

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

In response to the final Office Action dated July 12, 2004, the period for response having been extended by one-month by the accompanying petition for extension of time, Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 2 are independent.

Initially, Applicants again gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claim 1 is allowed, and that claims 5 and 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Regarding claims 5 and 6, since Applicants continue to believe that independent claim 2 is allowable, for the reasons discussed below, claims 5 and 6 have not been so rewritten at this time.

Appln. No. 10/070,712
Request for Reconsideration
Response to final Action dated 7/12/04

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